

## VILLAGE OF DUCHESS

APRIL 2018

The Village of Duchess Public Works Crew will once again be offering a week long Alley Cleanup event. This will run from May 22 – 25<sup>th</sup> and finish up on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Our crew will check the alleys every day and pick up items in batches... this means that they may leave some of your stuff behind for another day, but don't worry, they will come back for it. **A few guidelines for items... Please keep your items to a reasonable amount... No Large household appliances – No dangerous items or items too heavy to lift – bundle branches and tie them together – if you have many things, please give us a call and book a time when you can help load your items. PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO KEEP! Otherwise we may assume anything left in the alley is intended for the landfill.**

During the same week as the Alley Cleanup we are offering an area at the Village of Duchess shop yard for e-waste and a paint Roundup. During this week, please bring tvs, computers, printers, etc along with cans of paint to the shop yard and we will have bins set up to collect these items.

The Duchess Parade of Garage sales is scheduled for May 25 & 26. An ad will go in the Brooks Bulletin and we will have an ad on the LED sign.

The Railway Avenue Paving project is slated for this summer. This repaving project will include highway 550 from highway 36 all the way through Duchess to highway 873. The project will also include the Duchess highway (873) all the way to Brooks. We are not sure what end they are starting at...but signage will keep us updated.

Fortis streetlight outages can be reported by telephone 310-WIRE (9473, on the Fortis website [fortisalberta.co](http://fortisalberta.co), and there is a downloadable app that you can get on your iPhone. If you find a dog or cat that isn't yours...please give us a call at 403-378-4452 or bring the animal to the Village office. We will keep these strays for 72 hours and do our best to find their families.

Planning is already underway for Duchess Days. If you are interested in helping, contributing or just have some questions....  
Give Tina a call @ 403-793-0847

Business licenses and Dog & Cat licenses are overdue. Please come into the office to pick these up. Animals that are unlicensed may be levied an additional fine if they find their way to the kennel.

If you have a community event you would like to see on the LED sign, please email the details to [duchesssign@gmail.com](mailto:duchesssign@gmail.com) and we will do our best to get it on the LED sign.

Our Public Works Department is still experiencing problems with plugged lift stations. We do not know who is disposing of problem items but, if you are dumping any of the following items in the sewer system, please quit. The manpower and cost of unplugging these lift stations is substantial and can be avoided completely.

Again!! There have been a few things flushed that really shouldn't have been.

Please do not flush any of the following items:

adult diapers	baby wipes	disposable diapers
paper towels	plastic wrappers	facial tissues
cooking fats	paper towels	cat litter
cigarette butts	sanitary napkins	tampons & applicators
condoms	paint	medications
household chemicals	lint	coffee grounds
egg shells	non-decomposable items	underwear
Cleaning wipes	bandages	automotive fluids
pet poop	poisons and hazardous waste	
paint, solvents, sealants and thinners		hand towels/face cloths

Thank you in advance to your compliance with this request.

Basically, the only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.

There is a survey on the City of Brooks website asking for your opinion in regards to the Cannabis legislation. Please take a few minutes to check it out...

[www.cityofbrooks.ca](http://www.cityofbrooks.ca) go to - business go to - cannabis legislation

Village of Duchess Office

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We are open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm closing for lunch from 12:00 to

1:00 Public Works 403-378-4118